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SYMMES FOUNDATION GRANT TO GREENVILLE LIBRARY

The building program of the Greenville County Library received a boost with the receipt on July 5 of a check for \$100,000 from the Fred W. Symmes Foundation for the purchase of a site and for preliminary site development studies. For several years the library trustees have been studying possible locations. The gift from the Symmes Foundation points to the purchase of a site in the Civic Center on College Street.

In 1961 the Friends of the Library retained J. Russell Bailey to make a study of the building needs, and in 1964 Mr. Bailey was retained by the library board.

The late Mr. Symmes was appointed to the Greenville Public Library Board in October, 1926, and elected chairman a few months later and served in that capacity until his death in 1957. In 1950, at his suggestion the board had Mr. Bailey make recommendations for the future developments of the library building.

SURVEY OF RESEARCH RESOURCES COMPLETED

Dr. John H. Moore has completed the survey of reference resources in the state, and the information is being studied and the possibility of future publication explored.

Dr. Moore, Professor of History, Winthrop College, sought to locate reference material in public, college, special, and other libraries, in museums, historical society collections, and in magazines and newspaper offices. A questionnaire, supplemented by visits from Dr. Moore, was utilized to obtain this information.

This effort to mobilize these reference resources for the use of the citizens of the state was sponsored by the State Library Board.

UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS

With the completion of the survey of reference resources in South Carolina college, public, and special libraries by Dr. John Moore, of Winthrop, the State Library Board is establishing a union list of periodical holdings of all libraries in the three categories. A part of the 1964-65 Periodicals Project, the list should be a valuable reference tool for all libraries and their patrons.

The union list of periodicals will be maintained by means of data processing. Information on periodical holdings will be coded into IBM cards. Through a mechanical process it will be possible to supply at a moment's notice information such as the name of the nearest library holding a certain periodical or a complete print-out of the periodical holdings of any library in the state.

Information on periodical holdings of public libraries is being received on special printed forms. Information from the college and special libraries is being taken from Dr. Moore's report.

STATISTICS, PLEASE

Forms for the 1964-65 annual statistical reports will be mailed soon from the State Library Board. Librarians are urged to complete and return the forms as soon as possible (August 1, 1965, is the deadline). The reports are used to furnish information on South Carolina public libraries, their staff members and trustees, and to measure library progress. They also serve as a basis for planning for the further development of public library service.

SLB HAS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

On June 28, 1965, the State Library Board became a member of Centrex, the State of South Carolina telephone system for Government agencies. Because of this the offices have new telephone numbers. The telephone number of the Technical Services office at 1001 Main Street is 758-3138; the Administrative office at Cornell Arms is 758-3181.

TRUSTEES ATTEND INSTITUTE

Five public library trustees: Romaine Barnes, Greenville County Library; Ellen Chaplin, Orangeburg County Library; W. R. Craig, Pickens County Library; Frank Nolen, Florence County Library; and Walter Plunkett, Aiken County Library, were awarded State Library Board grants to attend a workshop and institute on library buildings.

"An Institute on Library Buildings" was sponsored by the Library Administration Division and the American Library Trustee Association July 1-3, and on July 3 the American Library Trustee Association sponsored a workshop on "Libraries and Library Buildings of Today." Both were held prior to the ALA Conference in Detroit.

ABBEVILLE TRUSTEES APPOINTED

Six of the seven members of the board of trustees of the recently created Abbeville County Library have been appointed by the Abbeville County legislative delegation.

An act of the 1965 General Assembly provided for the legal establishment of a county library, which combines the former Abbeville County and Abbeville Public libraries into one system to serve the entire county.

The trustees representing various sections of the county are: Mrs. Robert Mahon, Calhoun Falls; Earl Hodges, Lowndesville; W. M. Agnew, Donalds; Mrs. J. Cal Stevenson, Route 2, Abbeville; Myer Poliakoff, Abbeville; and Fletcher W. Ferguson, Abbeville.

The delegation requested Mr. Ferguson, who served as chairman of the committee which made a study of the library situation in the county, to call an organizational meeting. The meeting will be held July 15, 1965.

EXCHANGE COLUMN

(Back Issues of Magazines Wanted - Available)

The State Library Board and the Florence County Library would like to obtain back issues of the South Carolina Magazine. Both have incomplete runs and would be interested in filling in for binding.

The Horry County Library would like to have early copies of National Geographic and one later issue, March, 1957.

The Pickens County Library would like to give any library that could use them back issues of American Book Publishing Record, Opera News, and U. S. A.

Anyone having extra copies of the periodicals mentioned or who is interested in receiving those titles available should write the librarians concerned.

LAMAR LIBRARY OPENS

On July 2, a branch of the Darlington County Library was opened in Lamar. The library, located in the Lamar Town Hall, will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from three to five o'clock.

Mrs. D. K. Brasington, Lamar school librarian, was the promoter of the project. Through her efforts merchants and other local citizens donated shelving and furniture for the library. She has secured volunteers to staff the library.

Annie James, Darlington County librarian, has provided 1,500 books as the initial collection for the library.

NEW DIRECTOR AT EMORY

On September 1, 1965, A. Venable Lawson will become Director of the Division of Librarianship of Emory University. Mr. Lawson received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and his Master of Librarianship from Emory University. He is a candidate for the Doctor of Library Science degree at the School of Library Service, Columbia University. In 1964, he received Columbia's George Virgil Fuller Award.

Mr. Lawson has taught in the Library School, Atlanta University, and the Division of Librarianship, Emory University, and has been a teaching assistant at Columbia. Since 1960, he has been Assistant Professor, Florida State University Library School.

Because of ill health, Evalene Jackson, Director of the Division since 1954, asked to be relieved of the Directorship last Fall. Miss Jackson is continuing to teach her courses in the Division.

MRS. R. R. McMEEKIN

The many friends of Mrs. R. R. (Gretchen Fischler) McMeekin will regret to learn of her death June 16 in Chapel Hill, N. C. Mrs. McMeekin had been a valued member of the staff of the Fairfield County Library until August, 1964, when she accompanied her husband to the University of North Carolina where he was engaged in graduate study. Dr. McMeekin died four days before his wife.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

A collection of books from their parents' library has been given to the Aiken County Library by Mrs. Clio Stewart, Miss Alice Rothrock, and Mrs. Alice Archer, daughters of the late Anne Bartigue and Weller Rothrock. Several Caroliniana items are included, among them Carl Julien's Sea Islands to Sand Hills and Bishop Thomas' History of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Herbert Lockyer's All Parables of the Bible, a study and analysis of more than 250 parables, has been donated to the Colleton County Memorial Library in memory of William Edward Fripp. Mr. Fripp was a member of the library board and of the Walterboro Library Society Board. Amelia S. Fraser presented the book. Miss Fraser was librarian of the Walterboro Library Society and is connected with the Memorial Library.

A portrait of Mrs. Charles H. Thatcher (Effie Bruns) has been presented to the Georgetown County Memorial Library by Mrs. William G. Peterkin. Mrs. Thatcher was librarian from 1940 to 1963 with the exception of the period from 1953 to 1956 when Mrs. Peterkin served in that capacity.

Renovation of the building for the Nancy Carson Library, North Augusta, is now under-way. The plastering has been completed and the contract awarded for vinyl tile floor covering. A community drive raised \$50,000 for the purchase and renovation of a former church to serve as the library, a branch of the ABBE Regional Library.

The Easley Library Association, a group of citizens interested in the library, have surveyed the building needs of the library and is working with the Pickens County Library Board on repairs and additions to the 17-year-old building.

Donations have been made to the Lancaster County Library Building Fund in memory of Mrs. Mary Hall Duncan, Shannon Hardin, Mrs. Marion Tennant Moorefield, Harvey D. Eggleton, Dan A. Minnick, Evelyn Bagley, K. C. Bellings, Mrs. A. G. Ellison, Clayton Rogers, and Mrs. O. B. Bartlett.

The Oconee County Library boasts a new coat of paint after having been closed June 15-20 for the painting and repairs.

Mrs. C. R. Clark who retired after 8 years as librarian of the Manning Library was honored by the Manning Civic League with a tea on June 16. Mrs. Clark was presented with an engraved gold bracelet. Mrs. Arthur Hinson succeeds Mrs. Clark.

A contract to complete the Liberty Library, which was started by the TSI class of Pickens High School, was awarded to the Houston Lumber Company. The library is a branch of the Pickens County Library.

The article on Eleanor McColl, chairman of the Marlboro County Library Board, which appeared in the June issue of News for Public Libraries, also appeared in the Marlboro Herald Advocate, June 18, 1965.

Mrs. H. W. Palmer, whose son Captain William W. Palmer was an ace with Eddie Rickenbacker's 94th squadron, presented a copy of the new edition of Fighting the Flying Circus to the Marlboro County Library. The Rickenbacker book was published in 1919, and each member of the squadron received an autographed copy.

Mrs. Henry H. Hersey a member of the Greenville Friends of the Library who is also interested in the Grady H. Hipp Nursing Center, worked out details of a project to compile a scrapbook for the Greenville County Library. Carroll Sensenbaugh, a resident of the center, and Doris Davis Brannock have completed the 1964 scrapbook and started on the 1965 one.

Mrs. Sheila Parker, Circulation Assistant, Horry County Memorial Library, will leave the library to move to Great Falls where her husband has accepted a position.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

A bibliography, Basic List of Guides and Information Services for Professional and Patients' Libraries in Hospitals, gives sources of information on organizing and operating libraries in hospitals. Request a single copy free of charge from Eleanor Phinney, Executive Secretary, Association of Hospital and Institutional Libraries, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

TRUSTEE PROFILES

—Mrs. Ben P. Davies, Jr. —

Annie Margaret Davies (Mrs. Ben P., Jr.) is a rare combination of dreamer and doer. She not only envisions Eldorado; she also carries a spade! From the time she came to Barnwell to live, until the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library was formed in 1958, (now the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library) she never faltered in her belief that Barnwell County could have a library, nor in her efforts to make that library a reality.

Despite discouraging advice from civic leaders, she persisted in her plea, keeping the need constantly before the Town Council and the County Delegation. When in 1953, her work resulted in the formation of a County Library with branches in near-by towns and book-mobile service throughout the rural areas, she redoubled her efforts.

Such is the richness of Annie Margaret's educational background and civic service, that she has been able to find, repeatedly, the person or organization best qualified to promote a program or render a service essential to the library's development. First as Chairman of the Barnwell County Library Board, the Vice-chairman and presently Chairman of the four-county Regional Board, she is at all times available to the Director of the Regional System and the County Librarian - listening to library needs and interpreting these needs to County leaders and the general public. Librarians in the system comment on her keen awareness of the difference in the roles of trustee and librarian. Cooperating with leaders of the other three counties, she readily accepts the responsibilities of facing and presenting financial needs, forming general policy, and the expediting of legal aspects of public library service. In turn, she provides the necessary freedom for the librarians to operate the library according to the special capabilities and knowledge which led to their employment.

A Winthrop graduate, president of the local garden club, founder and leader of Girl Scout work in Barnwell County, a board member of the United Fund, a leader in the Episcopal Church - even this list does not name all her contributions to her community nor her qualifications for service to it. Small wonder that as soon as the County Library was a certainty, Annie Margaret had two garden clubs working to beautify the grounds - an interest that the clubs have maintained. A high point of this activity was reached when the Barnwell Garden Club decorated the library as Holiday House and sponsored a Christmas tea there. Next, a Girl Scout Troop and Brownie groups developed a cook-out area in the library's back yard.

Because she has her finger on the community's pulse, the results of her informal, word-of-mouth public relations is consistently evident. Attractions presented at the Library include a program planning display for civic groups, colorful side-walk art shows, autograph parties and book talks, a two-day silhouette cutting program, and a display featuring local industries. This trustee was responsible for initiating or lending full support to each of these. Here is aptly demonstrated an area in which an alert trustee can open avenues not always available to librarians because of time limitations and other considerations.

Understanding the broad scope of the public library, she also has her eye on the business interests of the community. Her informal contacts and her readiness to inject the library story at every opportunity succeed in capturing the attention of individuals and groups.

Annie Margaret keeps in constant touch with the County Delegation and other members of the Regional Library Board, working to coordinate the programs and facilities of the four counties in a way that will be mutually beneficial. Appreciating the value of community spirit, she has insisted that each of the four County Libraries preserve its own identity. In reply to her query to a visitor from the Delaware State Library Agency as to why this Regional Library was included in his tour, she was told that he "wanted to discover the secret of obtaining such active cooperation among counties." Her reply was: "There is no secret - only the matter of securing the efforts and support of the right people."

Since 1950, she has enjoyed a close association with Miss Estellene Walker, Director of the State Library Board. Her interest extends from the local public library to the welfare of the state program in helping to interpret its needs. She was instrumental in holding one of the first regional workshops for library trustees in Barnwell County, and she participated actively as a planning committee member for the first Governor's Conference on Public Libraries held last spring.

Only unselfish devotion and spiritual insight could produce such a leader as Annie Margaret Davies - in her hands the good earth of basic human relationships and in her heart the gold of Eldorado, a richer life for her fellowman.

——— Louise V. Mazursky, Barnwell, South Carolina.

NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Librarians are requested to consider subscribing to the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, published by the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the American Library Association. There are only 9 subscriptions from South Carolina. A subscription is \$3.00 from Subscription Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

TRUSTEE AWARD

Trustees and librarians are reminded that nominations may now be made for the Trustee's Award which will be presented at the 1965 meeting of the South Carolina Library Association in Greenville.

Nomination blanks may be obtained from Virginia Rugheimer, 114 Beaufain Street, Charleston, S. C.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

A patron of the Horry County Memorial Library was telling about giving her son permission to read in the adult collection. When she later asked him how he liked it, the reply went something like this: "The only difference I can see is that where the juvenile books use 'desperate', the adult books use 'damn'."

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Anne Library

Dear Anne Library:

We are very worried about the emphasis being placed on the recently distributed Standards for South Carolina Public Libraries. All of the talk that we've heard seems to indicate that a small library such as ours will literally be "left out in the cold" while the larger ones in the state will benefit much more. We feel that there just aren't enough people in the state who want or need the type of materials and the services that will be provided through the Standards, and that the smaller libraries will "dry up and die".

Isn't there any allowance for the smaller communities in the Standards? If there is, we haven't detected it and should like for some one to bring it to our attention.

Sincerely,

Anxious

Dear Anxious:

The new public library standards are guarantee to the smaller public library that they shall not "dry up and die". The new standards give the small library an opportunity to "wake up and live" and to have some orchids on their budgets.

Read the standards again and without any preconceived ideas. The standards are based on the idea of sharing—getting together in a cooperative system to share resources, ideas, and know-how. This is a bonanza for the small public library which, as a member of a system, can provide its patrons with service far superior to anything which has been possible up to now. And don't ever think that the people in your community are not just as anxious to have the best books, the most recent reference material, and a variety of subject matter as the people in the largest town in the state. If you provide something beyond current mysteries, westerns, and love stories, you are going to find out that there are people in your community who are going to use the library who have never darkened its door before. Don't keep the people in your community on half rations when at the same cost you can treat them to a literary feast by joining with your neighboring library in a library system.

When the standards were published, the headlines should have been "New Hope for the Small Library." For that is exactly what the standards provide—library systems made up of cooperating libraries which can provide good service, wide selection of materials, and resources of a largewell-organized public library to even the most remote rural hamlet.

The only thing you have to be "anxious" about is how soon you can get into the larger system. The sooner you are "in," the quicker you can provide the kind of public library that the people in your community want and need.

Anne Library

(Anne appreciates letters stating "your problems." Keep writing. You'll get an answer as soon as possible. Remember letters need not be signed.)

CAROLINIANA

Cook, Harriet Hefner. John C. Calhoun, the Man. R. L. Bryan Co. \$4.95.

Heyward, Zan. The Serpent Was a Salesman. State Printing Co. \$2.50.

Mahoney, William E. Wax arrows. Kohn Printing Co., Columbia, S. C. \$1.00. (Poetry)

Clemson, Floride. The Verse of Floride Clemson, ed. by Harriet R. Holman.
University of South Carolina Press. \$3.25.

Cawthon, John A. The Inevitable Guest. The Naylor Co., San Antonio, Texas. \$10.00.
(Based on letters, 1853-1883, of Jemima Darby, Society Hill, S. C.)

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